



CHRIS PLAYFAIR

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COACHING BIO/PHILOSOPHY

I have been deeply involved in player development throughout the Kitchener-Waterloo region for the past six years, working with athletes ranging from minor hockey athletes to professional players. As a graduate of the Waterloo U16 AAA program who moved on to the OHL, I understand firsthand what it means to wear the Wolves crest and what is required to reach the next level out of the U16 program.

My coaching philosophy centers around development with purpose. I believe in providing players with the tools they need not only to improve their on-ice performance, but to grow as people and prepare for long-term success in the game beyond minor hockey. Through clear expectations, accountability, and detailed instruction, I aim to build disciplined, confident athletes who understand both their individual strengths and their role within the team structure.

At the core of my approach is the belief that team success fuels individual success. By helping players understand their game, reflect on strengths and areas for growth, and consistently learn, develop, and implement improvements throughout the season, I believe fosters an environment focused on continuous growth. What I enjoy most about coaching is seeing players evolve... gaining confidence, hockey IQ, and character, all while building something meaningful together as a team.

ABOUT ME

I grew up playing AAA for the Waterloo Wolves, from age 5 through U16.... Once a Wolf, Always a Wolf!

I was drafted by the Windsor Spitfires in 2016. And went on to win the Memorial Cup with the Spitfires in 2017.

After completing 4 years in the OHL, I moved onto play USports with the TMU Bold while obtaining my Business Management (BComm) degree.

I was recognized as an "All-Canadian" while at TMU in 2022, 2023 as well as receiving the OUA True Sport award in 2024.

I am a proud dog Dad, to a 7-month-old puppy named Willow.

My strength: I will remember every play from a hockey game! My weakness: where I put my car keys!